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- A new political party, sponsored by President RHEE, was being planned in the Republic of Korea in early June 1951 as the "Labor Party." Under the control of CHUN Chin han, former Minister of Labor, it was to be organized by the Greater Korea Labor League. This group controls over 30,000 stevedores at the Fusen docks who are organized into the Pusan Docks Labor Union.
- 2. The Labor Union handles relations between the stevedores and agencies using the docks, such as the U.S. Army, the ROK Office or Supply, and foreign shipping firms. The Union collects payments from these agencies and then pays the stevedores; there is reportedly a considerable difference between the emounts collected and the amounts paid cut. The profits from the Pusan Docks Labor Union, which are burned over to the Greater Korea Labor League, are estimated at over 200 million wom a month. This sum is divided into three parts and allocated to CHUN Chin-han, KIM Tae-son, and YI Sung-chu; through them it is partly passed to others, as, for exemple, secretaries in President REELS office and KIM Kwang-sop, who is doing undercover work for KIM Tae-son.
- 3. The Pusan Docks Labor Union is more or less subsidiary to the Korea Forwarding Gempany, which is under the control of 110 Chong. Through him, the new party, if it naterializes, will be connected with such big businessmen as YI Han-un, OH OR Sun-chu, KIM Yong-chu, and HONG Sung-ha. It is conjectured by nembers of the government that the new party is intended for the use of these persons, who are in the Democratic Nationalist Party but would like to oppose it, and that RIEE will be unable to bend it to his own uses.
- The stevederes receive their veges through the Keren Forwarding Company, at the following rates:

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		Excellent	Good	Fair	Apprentice
Day work	Experienced workers	3,000 won	2,700 son	2,300wom	1,400 won
	Inexperienced workers	2,500	2,200	2,000	1,250
	Experienced workers	3,500	3,200	2,900	1,700
	Inexperienced workers	2,900	2,700	2,300	1,400

Wages are paid weekly. The Korea Forwarding Company collects about 10 percent of the pay as "interest daily. Every stevedore out of his wages has to pay daily the following amounts:

	Stevedores in a labor hotel	Others
"Interest" on daily pay Martual Aid Fund Membership fees in union	200 won 20 won 20 won	200 wan 8 <b>0 wa</b> n 20 wan
Total	240 won	300 wan

5. The labor hotels are at Pusanchin and Akasaki Pier, operating under the U.S. Second Logistical Command. They collect 237 won per person per meal, for which they use rationed rice at 134 won for two kap. Stevedores not living in the labor hotels pay 80 won instead of 20 won a day for a mutual aid fee to the Pusan Port Transportation Welfere Association. All stevedores pay the 20 won daily membership fee for the Greater Korea Labor League.

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